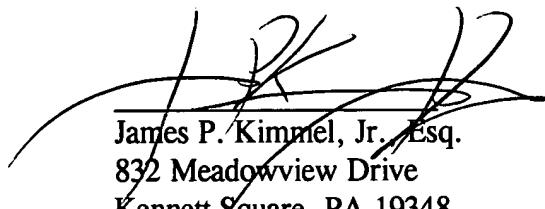


ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Apparatus and method for standardizing and automating the assignment, valuation, pricing and purchasing of legal research projects, whereby standardized legal research instructions and specifications to be stored in a database are defined by essential primary, sub and specific legal research instructions and specifications, to which numerical complexity values are assigned, and to which price ranges are assigned. This data is received from a legal research provider and stored in databases within an electronic legal research ordering and pricing server by a parameter definition section. The server receives and processes legal research orders based upon the specified legal research instructions and specifications selected by a purchaser. A price calculation section tracks the instructions, specifications and options selected by a purchaser, calculates their related values and corresponding prices based upon those values and delivery prices to arrive at a final order price. The system includes a network and may include a web site.

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